

## CLAIMS

1. A recording and reproducing device comprising:  
a recording/reproducing means for recording video or audio data  
and reproducing the recorded data;  
an input area specifying means for specifying an area for  
inputting characters therein;  
a character inputting means for inputting characters in the  
area specified by the input area specifying means;  
a displaying means for displaying characters input by the  
character inputting means;  
a character inputting start detecting means for detecting the  
beginning of inputting characters by the character inputting  
means while recording or reproducing data by the  
recording/reproducing means; and  
a recording/reproducing position storing means for  
relationally storing: information indicating a position of  
recording/reproducing data by the recording/reproducing means  
at a time point of detection of the character inputting start  
by the character inputting start detecting means; a string of  
characters inputted by the character inputting means at that  
time point; and information indicating an area wherein the  
characters have been inputted, wherein the information  
indicating the position, the string of characters, and the  
information indicating the area are related with each other.
2. A recording and reproducing device as defined in claim 1,

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a displaying form changing means whereby, when the discriminating means decided the presence of the information stored in the recording/reproducing position storing means, the character or the area is displayed differently in form from other characters or areas.

an area selecting means for selecting one of areas stored in the recording/reproduction position storing means; and a reproduction instructing means for instructing the recording/reproducing means to reproduce video or audio data from a recording/reproducing position stored with reference to a corresponding area selected by the area selects means.

5. A recording and reproducing device as defined in any one

of claims 1 to 4, further comprising:

an edition instructing means for instructing edition by deleting a character stored in the record/reproduction position storing means or copying or transferring a character to another position thereof; and

an editing means for deleting a character stored in the record/reproduction position storing means or copying or transferring a character to another position thereof in response to instruction from the edition instructing means and for deleting an information indicating the position corresponding to the deleted character in the record/reproduction position storing means or storing the copied/transferred character with reference to information indicating an area whereto the character has been copied/transferred.